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"LITTLE GIANT" IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

Claims He Will Have 153 Votes on the First Ballot, Which is 26 More Than Needed.

WORKING LIKE BEAVERS

Is the Opposition Who Affirm That Dayton Will Never Land—Struggle Being Closely Watched.

From a Staff Correspondent.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., June 27.—The night before the nominating convention of the Second district Republicans finds this mountain top town filled to overflowing and hundreds of additional arrivals expected in the morning. No convention in this district for years has excited so much interest, largely because there is more or less prevalent belief that Dayton will have the hardest struggle of his political career before he lands a nomination. Mr. Dayton on the other hand, is a little giant of confidence and claims he will be named on the first ballot by a comfortable majority. A week ago his managers gave out a claim of 153 votes, conceding 22 to Holt, 37 to Pitzer and 40 to Meredith. To-night Congressman Dayton gave the Intelligencer the following tabulated claim:

Mr. Dayton's Figures.				
Counties.	Dayton.	Holt.	Pitzer.	Meredith.
Barbour	16	0	0	0
Berkeley	0	0	25	0
Grant	7	0	0	15
Hamshire	6	0	0	1
Hardy	5	0	0	0
Jefferson	13	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	0	31
Mineral	15	0	0	0
Monongalia	27	0	0	0
Morgan	0	0	11	0
Pendleton	7	0	0	1
Preston	30	4	0	1
Randolph	14	0	0	0
Taylor	0	18	0	0
Tucker	13	0	0	0
Totals	153	22	36	43

Repetition of Two Years Ago.

The situation, said Congressman Dayton, is just as it was two years ago, when Lamar Powell said I could not be nominated or elected. I have his editorials of 1898 packed away in a scrap book and they are identical with his assertions of to-day. Then as you know, I was nominated with barely a struggle and elected. To-morrow will be a repetition of two years ago, including eight of Marion's 24 votes and Taylor's 18, which will come to me on the first ballot if I say the word. I have not yet decided whether I will ask my friends in Marion and Taylor to vote for me.

The opposition to Dayton claim his estimate is away off; they are confident the congressman cannot be re-nominated on the first ballot. "If Dayton is not named on the first ballot, he is lost," says a well known lieutenant of Judge Meredith, and continuing he claims that after the first ballot the opposition forces will combine on Meredith and nominate him.

The Other Side of it.

Emmett Showalter, one of the Meredith managers, makes this estimate of the first ballot:

Counties.	Dayton.	Holt.	Pitzer.	Meredith.
Barbour	16	0	0	0
Berkeley	0	0	25	0
Grant	7	0	0	15
Hamshire	6	0	0	1
Hardy	5	0	0	0
Jefferson	13	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	0	31
Mineral	15	0	0	0
Monongalia	27	0	0	0
Morgan	0	0	11	0
Pendleton	7	0	0	1
Preston	30	4	0	1
Randolph	14	0	0	0
Taylor	0	18	0	0
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Totals	152	22	37	53

Talk of a Dark Horse.

There is some talk of a dark horse and Frank Cox, of Morgantown, is being mentioned in that connection. The Monongalia leaders, however, laugh at the suggestion, which emanates from anti-Dayton sources, and say it is a ruse of the opposition to draw from their man's strength.

All of the candidates are in town to-night and the way they are hustling for votes is worth witnessing.

This evening a meeting of the anti-Dayton managers was held at the Hotel Danington to arrange for co-operation on the organization of the convention to-morrow. Both the Dayton and anti-Dayton people are talking Neil Fortney, of Preston, for chairman. While the opposition to Dayton claim they have him licked if he is not nominated on the first ballot, that is a view of the situation that does not appear to be borne out by the facts, for it is undoubtedly true that there are some Holt people in Taylor, a number of Judge Meredith's Marion supporters and some of Pitzer's Berkeley delegates who are for Dayton as their second choice and cannot be pulled over to support another of the opposition candidates. In preference to Dayton, while the opponents to Dayton are putting up a vigorous fight it seems to be devoid of the acrimony, that marked the contest of two years ago, and all are determined to jump in and elect the nominee of to-morrow's convention, whoever he may be.

A number of the state leaders are on the ground, including all of the aspirants for auditor, Messrs. Hall, LaFollette, Scherr Getzendanner and Seisler. Among the Marion county arrivals is ex-Commissioner of Internal Revenue John W. Mason.

R. M. A.

Will Not Desert Meredith.

From a Staff Correspondent.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., June 27.—To-night there was a meeting of the Marion delegation, at which it was decided to stick to Meredith as a unit from start to finish. It is said there will be no

break to Dayton from Marion in the event that there is no nomination on the first ballot.

R. M. A.

Anti-Daytonites Meet.

From a Staff Correspondent.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., June 27.—The anti-Dayton people got together at 10 o'clock to-night, but owing to the absence of delegates expected to act with them, they adjourned until morning. The meeting of the congressional committee, also scheduled for to-night, was postponed until morning.

R. M. A.

UNANIMOUS FOR DAVIS.

Republicans of the Eleventh Senatorial District Will To-day Nominate the Statesman From Grafton as Their Candidate for Senator.

From a Staff Correspondent.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va., June 27.—To-morrow morning before the meeting of the congressional convention the convention of the Eleventh senatorial district Republicans will be held to name the candidate for state senator to succeed Senator East. This year the plum is conceded to Taylor county, and as that county comes solid for Thomas E. Davis, of Grafton, he will be chosen by acclamation owing to the fact that Dr. Lanham, who was elected senator from this district two years ago from Preston county is practicing in Grafton.

It was found the situation would be complicated by the claim from some of the Preston people that Taylor already has a senator and that, therefore, this convention's nominee should come from Preston, but to-night the Preston people say Senator Lanham still holds his residence in Preston. Ex-Sheriff Shaw, of Preston, says Mr. Davis will be nominated unanimously. The Republican majority in the district, which is made up of Preston, Taylor and Monongalia counties is something like 4,000.

R. M. A.

WILL NOT SURRENDER.

Generals Botha and De Wet Enter Into a Compact to Remain in the Field—Hospital Scandal Topic of Interest.

LONDON, June 28, 4:20 a. m.—General Sir Leisle Rundle held a sharp artillery and rifle skirmish near Senekal, Friday, with a large force of entrenched Boers. He declined to attack them. This is the only fresh fighting reported.

The Boer outposts northeast of Pretoria are busy. The telegraph wires between Standerton and New Castle were cut Sunday and Sir Redvers Buller had to resort to heliograph.

Commandant DeWet, with 3,000 men and three guns, is moving northeast in the Orange River colony. It is understood that he and Commandant General Botha entered into a compact that neither would surrender so long as the other was in the field. Twelve thousand rifles all told have been surrendered to the British.

President Kruger is still at Machadodorp.

Hospital Exposures Causes Sensation

The exposures regarding the hospitals in South Africa have made a great sensation in England. They began with three columns of restrained language in the Times yesterday, from W. A. Burdette-Coutts, conservative member for parliament for Westminster. His disclosures have been widely reproduced and they are supplemented this morning with denunciatory telegrams and interviews from survivors and army medical men.

A news agency dispatch from Cape Town says:

"Certain revelations point to malfeasance in connection with the supplies of comforts for the sick and wounded."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says Lord Roberts will reply fully to the charges of Mr. Burdette-Coutts. Frederick Treves, consulting surgeon to the London hospital, who was recently at the front, says the charges come to him as an absolute shock and are quite incredible. He praises the medical department.

Troops Getting Uncontrollable.

LONDON, June 28.—The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the Times, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"According to Transvaal advices the Boers are entrenching in considerable force in the Middleburg hills. The Irish, Hollander and Italian corps are getting uncontrollable. They are looting stores and farm houses."

BRITISH WORRIED

Over the Results of the Latest Battle With the Ashantis.

LONDON, June 27.—The colonial office has received a telegram from Col. Wilcocks, dated Prahsu, Ashanti, June 26, as follows:

"Major Wilkinson reached Bekwal June 19.

"In response to my telegram to the governor of the gold coast, (Sir Frederic Mitchell Hodgson) at Kumasi, the latter writes June 16, saying he will hold out to June 20. This letter, received by Captain Hall, at Eumbeja, was forwarded to Wilkinson at Bekwal at midnight June 21. Wilkinson proceeded immediately to Eumbeja, arriving there at dawn June 22, after marching through torrents of rain.

"Lieut. Burroughs, with about five hundred natives, is going north as fast as the flooded rivers will permit.

"Captain Hall reports having heard firing by a seven-pounder on the night of June 21—five shots, and then five more. He responded with two guns to the signal, and then he heard continued firing.

"In view of this information, fear is expressed in London that Sir Frederic Hodgson may not have been able to hold out until after June 29, and that the engagement which Captain Hall heard on June 21 may have been attended with serious consequences on the part of the governor."

King Has a Cancer.

BERLIN, June 27.—Reports from Dresden say that King Albert of Saxony is suffering from cancer of the bladder.

MINISTERS AND SAILORS ENTRENCHED

With Pekin Relief Expedition Eight Miles From Tien Tsin—The Last Test From Admiral Kempf.

OFFICIALS GREATLY RELIEVED

By the Report That Foreigners are Under Guard—The Question is, Does a State of War Exist.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27.—The following cablegram was received at the navy department late this afternoon:

"CHE FOO, June 27. "Secretary Navy, Washington.

"Pekin force and ministers reported with Pekin relief expedition entrenched eight miles from Tien Tsin."

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

Regarding the Situation in China.

More Troops to Come From Cuba.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27.—The developments of the day respecting China were important and interesting. The Chinese minister's report of the departure of the foreign ministers and their guards from Pekin, greatly relieved the officials here, who took it as the first tangible evidence that the imperial Chinese government had a full realization of the enormity of permitting the ministers to come to personal harm, and were thus undertaking, as far as lay in their power, to observe the amenities of international exchange.

The keenest interest is shown by the officials to learn the conditions under which the ministers left Pekin. Minister Wu's dispatch was ominously silent on that point and though the minister himself maintains almost obstinately his conference in the non-existence of a state of war, it is generally admitted that it will be difficult to accept his conclusion if it shall transpire that the Pekin government itself has sent the ministers away with their passports, or what may come to the same thing, with a guard as safe conduct.

Still Ground For an Understanding.

At the state department, it is said that if it shall be explained that the imperial government did this, not with a purpose of rupturing diplomatic relations, but simply to insure the safety of the ministers, which they were unable to guarantee as long as they remained in Pekin, then there is still ground for an understanding. It is, however, pointed out that in such case the self-confessed inability of the imperial government to maintain peace and order at the capital, would amount to an admission of its utter failure as a government, and would leave China in a state worse than that of actual war. In either event, it now appears to the satisfaction of the officials that there was absolute justification for such intervention as we have offered in China.

Notice has come to the government that the cable companies have again re-opened communication telegraphically with Taku and Che Foo. This arrangement has been made by means of the Russian telegraphic system connecting with the Siberian railroad system. A European agent has managed to re-open the lines through the means of communication between Che Foo and Taku and Tien Tsin are tortuous and probably precarious.

Will Have Full Brigade.

The war department officials still insist that no orders have gone forward to send more troops to China than the Ninth regiment now on its way from Manila, and the Sixth cavalry, which will sail from San Francisco next Sunday, for Nagasaki and perhaps Taku. It is said that with these two organizations and the marines now on Chinese soil, General Chaffee will have the full brigade to which his rank entitles him. Rumors of withdrawals of troops from Cuba are said to be the probable basis for the persistent statements that more soldiers have been ordered to China. It is admitted that two regiments will soon be ordered to the United States from Cuba, the particular organizations being designated by General Wood, but they simply will take the place in home garrisons of regiments of regulars which will go out to Manila to relieve volunteer organizations there.

Asked to Leave Pekin.

LONDON, June 27, 8:40 p. m.—The foreign office has issued the following telegram received from Mr. W. R. Carlos, the British consul at Tien Tsin, undated but probably sent June 24 and forwarded from Che Foo, June 27:

"A note has been received by the commissioner of customs here from Inspector General Sir Robert Hart, at Pekin, dated June 19, stating that the foreign legations had been desired to leave Pekin within twenty-four hours."

Nothing From the Missionaries.

NEW YORK, June 27.—There was no cable news received to-day at any of the headquarters of the different missionary boards regarding the situation in China. There were many inquiries from relatives and friends of missionaries.

Ordered to Chinese Waters.

ROME, June 27.—The Italian armored cruiser Vettor Pisani and the protected cruisers Stromboli and Vesuvio have been ordered to Chinese waters.

Fought With Iron Pipes.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., June 27.—A fight occurred this evening between David Boykins and his sons, Ernest, Walter and David, Jr., and Fred and Al-

zo Sticks, blowers at the Hartford City flint glass works. David Boykins and Fred Sticks had their skulls fractured and the others were dangerously hurt. They fought with iron pipes. All were arrested, except the two with fractured skulls.

SULZER BOOMED

By New York Democrats For the Vice Presidency—Arrivals Already Registered at the Convention City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 27.—Congressman William Sulzer, who is being boomed for vice president on the Democratic ticket, and Richard Croker and ex-Senator E. G. Murphy, of New York, will have a conference at Lincoln, Neb., with William J. Bryan, before they come to Kansas City to attend the national convention.

Sterling Price, of Texas, who has opened headquarters here for Mr. Sulzer, to-day received a telegram from that gentleman, saying he had left New York for Lincoln, at noon to-day. Another telegram says Messrs. Croker and Murphy will be in the Nebraska capital within a few days. Mr. Sulzer hopes to be on the ticket with Mr. Bryan and it is said the latter expressed a desire to confer with him. Further than this Mr. Price would vouchsafe nothing.

Sons of Liberty Will be There.

President O'Connell, of the Sons of Liberty, the oldest organization in New York, is on his way to Kansas City, and will open headquarters for Sulzer to-morrow evening or Friday. Fred Felg, editor of the Tammany Times, another Sulzer boomer, will arrive Friday.

The city is beginning to take on a gala appearance in anticipation of an early arrival of delegates, business houses are being decorated, and incandescent lights are being strung in profusion on the downtown streets, and a general clean-up is in progress. A good sized contingent of eastern newspaper reporters have already arrived, but a general inflow of people is not expected until Friday. Ex-Governor William J. Stone, national committeeman for Missouri, and vice chairman of the national committee, is expected Friday night, as are other members of the sub-committee who will hold a meeting on Saturday.

Greatest Rush on Tuesday.

The Pennsylvania delegation, made up of one hundred people, and the Montana delegation, headed by W. A. Clark, is due Sunday morning, and the Kansas delegation in the evening. The greatest rush of delegations will be on Tuesday. Nearly all of the states not mentioned are booked to arrive on that day.

A convention innovation, the reading of the declaration of independence from the platform, will be introduced at the first session on July 4, and, according to the present programme, the music and decorations of that day will be selected with a particular idea of commemorating the national holiday.

The badges for the delegates have been received. They are an elaborate affair. There is an oxidized silver bar for the pin, below which hangs a silk flag about four inches long. To the flag is attached a medallion of gold or oxidized silver.

YOUTHFUL MURDERER.

Boy Jailed for Having Pushed a Playmate in the River.

PHILADELPHIA, June 27.—Frank Dougherty, ten years old, was committed to prison to-day, without bail, on the charge of having caused the death of Nelson C. Mowatt, aged nine years, who was found drowned in the Schuylkill river on the 23rd of last August. At that time it was supposed that Mowatt had fallen overboard, and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Dougherty's arrest was made on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Mowatt, who charges that the young prisoner had recently acknowledged to companions that he pushed her son into the river. The case will go to the grand jury to-morrow.

Valuable Paper Sold.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 27.—The Express says: The Los Angeles Herald, at present the only Democratic paper in Los Angeles, has been sold. The transfer of the property will take place to-morrow. The new owner is a newspaper man named James, of Bradford, Pa. W. R. Harrison, a local man, with large oil interests, and Gov. Henry T. Gage, are said to be associated with Mr. James, which would seem to indicate that the paper is to be changed to a Republican daily.

Ten Ballots for Governor.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 27.—The Republican state convention to-night adjourned until to-morrow morning, after ten fruitless ballots for governor. The three leading candidates, Aaron T. Bliss, of Saginaw, Justus S. Stearns, of Ludington, and Dexter M. Ferry, of Detroit, were so evenly matched in the number of their respective votes that the convention found itself practically at a deadlock, and wearied with balloting, gave up the struggle until to-morrow.

The Scale Rejected.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 27.—The wage committee of the window glass manufacturers' association of the United States, known as the Independent, met here to-day with the flatness. The scale presented by the latter was rejected by the manufacturers, who claimed it was an advance of from five to eight per cent over last year. The same scale was rejected by the combine last week.

Product of Yellow Journalism.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 27.—The persistent rumors circulated in the east, to the effect that Rev. J. George Gibson, of this city, is dead, and that before he died he made a confession that he murdered Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, the crime for which Theodore Durrant was hanged, have no foundation in fact.

Vermont Republican Ticket.

MONTPELIER, Vt., June 27.—The Republican state convention held here to-day nominated the following ticket: Governor, W. W. Stickney; Lieutenant governor, M. F. Allen; treasurer, J. L. Bacon; auditor, O. M. Barber; secretary of state, F. A. Howland.

HOT BATTLE WAS FOUGHT AT TIEN TSIN.

Keen Rivalry Among International Troops to Enter the Gates of the City First.

IT WAS NECK AND NECK

With Americans and English—Generally Thought China Means to Declare War Against World.

LONDON, June 28, 3:20 a. m.—The composite brigade of 2,300 men who raised the investment of Tien Tsin and pushed on to help Admiral Seymour, has probably saved him, but the news has not yet reached Che Foo, the nearest wire point. The last steamer arriving at Che Foo, from Taku, brought this message dated Tien Tsin, Monday, June 25.

"The Russian general in command of the relief force had decided in view of Saturday's heavy fighting and marching, that one day's rest for the troops was essential and that the advance should not be resumed until to-day. "Meanwhile came Admiral Seymour's heliograph that his position was desperate and that he could only hold out two days. The relief started at dawn to-day, (Monday)."

Fighting Began at Daybreak.

Saturday's fighting began at daybreak. The allied forces opened with several of the Terrible's 4.7 naval guns, six field guns and numerous machine guns, the firing being at long range. They continued to advance steadily, the Chinese artillery replying. The guns of the allies were more skillfully handled and put the guns of the Chinese out of action one by one, the Chinese retreating about noon.

There was keen rivalry among the representatives of the various nations as to which would enter Tien Tsin first, and the American and British went in neck and neck. The Russians stormed the arsenal, thereby sustaining the largest losses.

Several thousand Japanese have left Taku for Tien Tsin and altogether 18,000 Japanese have landed. The international troops now aggregate nearly 20,000 and Japan is preparing to send 20,000 more. With British, American and other troops ordered to go, probably 60,000 men will be available in a month.

Estimate of Chinese Troops.

The Tong Shan refugees and the foreign engineers at Che Foo estimate the Chinese troops now in the field as 25,000 drilled troops at Lual, 25,000 at Shanghai Wan, 15,000 driven off from Tien Tsin, and 150,000 at Pekin.

The dispatch received by the foreign office, stating that the foreign legations were required to leave Pekin within a specified time, is interpreted in some unofficial quarters as tantamount to giving the ministers their passports and to a declaration of war; but as China does nothing like other countries, the official opinion is that there is nothing to do but await the course of events and to see what the ministers themselves say when they are rescued.

All the students at the foreign hospitals in Canton are leaving. Women missionaries are returning from the West river ports. There was a slight disturbance at Wo Chou Tuesday while the women were embarking. The crowd shouted "kill the foreign devils."

Regarded as an Ultimatum.

According to advices from Shanghai, the Chinese officials by direction of the Southern viceroys, are asking the consuls to agree to conditions "ensuring" as the Chinese say "the neutrality of Shanghai and other coast cities." They are asking that foreign warships shall not sail or anchor near the forts, nor go to ports where there are no warships now, that their crews shall not go ashore and that the protection of foreigners be left to the Chinese authorities. These conditions are considered at Shanghai to be virtually an ultimatum from viceroys Liu Kung Yih and Chang Chih Tung. The consuls desire a sufficient naval and military force to back up their refusal to comply with these demands. The total naval force there now consists of 960 men with thirty-two guns. The Chinese have 6,000 men outside Shanghai with modern rifles and machine guns.

The magnitude of the arrangements Japan is making suggests provision against contingencies other than the suppression of the present disturbances in China. She has chartered nineteen additional transports and now has thirty-five in all.

FOREIGNERS SLAUGHTERED

By the Boxers—The Victims Were Mostly Women.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 27.—According to Shanghai papers received by the steamer Empress of China, to-day, the first legation guards to enter Pekin were the American contingent from the United States Steamship Newark. Then came the Russians, the Japanese, French, British and German in the order named.

Dispatches to Yokohama from Pekin on June 13, state that the slaughter and pillaging of the native converts was being continued with increased violence. In one station of the American Methodist mission, ten Christians were killed, most of them being women and children. A station of the American Board Mission has been destroyed and every one there killed. A native adherent of the church of England has also been killed, but the names of none of these victims was then at hand except those

of Mrs. Astier and Messrs. Oasent and Cado, who are reported as among the foreign victims of the boxers. Their station location was not known.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Lee McFarland, an Ex-Bank Cashier, Will Soon be Given His Freedom—His Daughter Slowly Dying From Grief.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Among the cases in which the executive clemency has recently been exercised, prediction of which has been made in the Intelligencer, was that of Lee B. McFarland, of Parkersburg. President McKinley has commuted McFarland's sentence of five years from February 1888, to a term which will expire August 21, of the present year.

The case is one in which both West Virginia senators have been active for more than a year. The application for leniency was strongly endorsed by Parkersburg citizens, including Messrs. A. B. White, C. H. Shattuc and D. H. Leonard, and was approved by Judge Jackson, of the United States district court. The President long intimated to the senators that he would at the proper time give the appeal favorable consideration, and he has at last issued the order for McFarland's release.

Convicted for Embezzlement.

McFarland was convicted for embezzling the funds of a national bank. The case is well known in West Virginia and elsewhere.

Attorney General Griggs in his recommendation, said that as soon as the defalcation was discovered, McFarland at once conveyed all his property to the bank, leaving his family destitute. The bank lost nothing by his act.

McFarland's young daughter is slowly dying by reason of deep grief for her father's misfortune and humiliation. The attorney general said McFarland has been sufficiently punished and that his suffering has been great.

Word has been received here that

Stephen B. Elkins, Jr., second son of the senator, has graduated with high honors from Yale University, receiving the degree of B. A. The senator's sons are all college bred. Davis completed his course at Harvard two years ago; Richard, the third son, is in his junior year at Princeton and Blaine, the youngest son, is in the preparatory department at Princeton.

Mrs. Elkins attended the recent commencement at Yale.

Elkins Assists a Soldier.

By direction of Senator Elkins, Mr. C. H. Livingstone, his private secretary, made a personal appeal at the pension office in behalf of W. H. Fleisher, applicant for pension, with the result that the case was recently settled. The pensioner gets a pension at the rate of \$3 per month, the arrears amounting to about \$700. Fleisher was a member of Company I, Second West Virginia cavalry, during the civil war.

The senator has secured favorable consideration of the application of the postmaster at Point Pleasant, for an increase of allowance for clerk hire.

Mr. and Mrs. Collin H. Livingstone will leave here with their children to-morrow evening for Albany, N. Y. Mrs. Livingstone expecting to remain there during the heated term. Mr. Livingstone will return to Washington the latter